

in the ruins. If the ruins had caught fire the death list would have been greatly increased, as at many points the victims were entombed in the debris for twenty-four hours before the soldiers managed to dig them out.

The valley below stricken Avezzano is now facing a new danger. The outflow of Lake Fucino has been damaged by the earthquake and it is feared that unless this speedily can be remedied a break will come and the valley will be flooded. Engineers are at work now endeavoring to avert this problem. The lake is fed by great mountain springs some of which, however, have had their flow checked by the earthquake.

Profrancesco, Mayor of Avezzano, is administering the relief here. He has chartered several of the hotels for use of the refugees who cannot be cared for elsewhere.

Marquis Guglielmi, who went to Avezzano as the head of a volunteer relief party, declared on returning here to-day that the situation there was even worse than had been previously reported.

"We men worked until they fell exhausted," he said. "They saved many who were entombed in the ruins of the schoolhouse and also many children who were found buried alive. The adults and children are now in the hands of hundreds who are buried under the ruins. They are being fed through pipes which have been pushed through the debris to where they are still held prisoners. Naturally the work of digging them out must be slow and careful, as a single false move would not only kill them, but also members of the rescuing parties."

Despite the declaration of the geologists that the quake was of geological and not of volcanic origin, reports from Avezzano say that many of the supposedly extinct craters in that section are showing signs of life, and there are expressed that volcanic discharges may yet add to the horror. There have been several very slight shocks since the initial, but the experts say this was to be expected and that they will result in little further damage.

Probably never before in the history of Italian disasters has the relief work been so complete and well systematized. This was possible owing to the fact that a good part of the army was already mobilized for service and enormous quantities of food, clothing, medical supplies and the like were in the various depots in anticipation of Italy entering the war. By orders of the King all these supplies have been made available for the stricken people.

POPE VISITS HOSPITAL AND BLESSES THE INJURED.

The Pope is also heading in the work of relief. He visited such of the injured last yesterday as were able to be taken to St. Martin's Hospital, and after talking with them gave them the Pope's blessing. Following the Pope's visit the report quickly spread through Rome that he had actually left the Vatican. While this was not so, strictly speaking, as the Pope is considered part of the Vatican, the visit was regarded as epoch-making, as no Pope has visited St. Martin's since 1870. It was believed to indicate that the time is not far distant when His Holiness will return to continue the "vicar of the Vatican." Under his direction every available priest is assisting in the work of relief, granting absolution to the wounded and blessing the dead.

One of the students at the Normal School at Avezzano, Miss Turvetti, had a remarkable escape from death. She was dug out of the ruined structure to-day unharmed, but hysterical from her experience.

"When the shock came," she said, "my companions and all of the teachers were in the college chapel at morning prayers. Suddenly the great building was shaken from the other side and fell to the floor. At the same time the entire building shook and the walls began to crumble.

"Many of the girls fell fainting to the floor. The remainder fled screaming from the room and down the stairs. I managed to reach the lower floor only to lose consciousness. When I revived I found myself in a dark room. There was no way of my getting out. Many of my chums were still motionless and badly hurt. A teacher lay at my feet dead. I tried to get up, but they were blocked with debris. There was no way of getting to the windows.

TRIED IN VAIN TO REVIVE HIS CHUMS.

"I tried to revive some of my chums, but many were dead. It was terribly cold and my sufferings were intense. Finally, to-day I heard voices and realized that help was at hand. I screamed, but, alas, I could not make myself heard. Suddenly, just as I was about to abandon hope a ray of light shot into my prison. The soldiers digging had uncovered the roof of my living tomb. I called to them and they finally rescued me and the few of my companions that were still alive."

Many of the survivors went temporarily insane as a result of their experience. Many who found their entire families crushed to death in the ruins of their homes, women who imagined themselves to reach safety when they found that their loved ones had perished, tried in turn to kill themselves and had to be restrained.

When the King was in Avezzano yesterday he was indefatigable in his efforts to encourage and help his people. He climbed over the ruins of the city, made his rounds of the ruins, and in several instances met the people in the streets.

and did not even want them to appear in his presence. He spoke kindly to the wounded and promised them assistance. He witnessed the extraction of a young girl still alive, gave directions for her succor, and the next moment was sending telegraphic orders for the despatch of further help and provisions to Avezzano.

A woman's apprentice, a boy of thirteen years, was the first person to give the news of Avezzano to the outside world. He succeeded in getting back into the town a few moments after the first shock. He found a railroad employee and persuaded this man, with his help, to rig up a telegraph instrument in a freight car and connect it with a wire that was still intact. Calling on the instrument, the railroad man, who is the operator, soon got Rome. The two together then sent the first news of the disaster.

The American Ambassador, Thomas Nelson Page, called at the Ministry of the Interior yesterday to express the sympathy of America over the disaster which had befallen Italy. He intimated a desire to send members of the Embassy to the earthquake district to give such aid as they could if there was no objection. He was informed that the Italian Government would appreciate such sympathetic initiative, and soon thereafter the Ambassador despatched an automobile with Secretary of State, Mr. Richard, Lieut. Commander Charles Train, the Naval Attaché, and Private Secretaries John Harrison and Alfred S. W. W. They started for the Avezzano district with supplies, especially blankets, which they will distribute. The party expects to return to Rome by Friday night. Ambassador Page is ready to appoint an American relief committee, while Mrs. Page will appoint a committee of ladies, if necessary to aid in the Italian work of relief.

JUDAS ISCARIOT'S IMAGE KILLS ROME WORSHIPPER.

In Rome itself the destruction done has been enormous. No fewer than fifty palaces and churches have been damaged. The Observatory, which has been regarded as immune even to earthquake shocks, is included in the list of the destroyed.

At the Pope's Cathedral of St. John Lateran one of the gigantic statues of the disciples that adorn the ceiling of the dome, the statue of Judas Iscariot, the traitor, was found later, strangely enough, to have been that of Judas Iscariot.

At St. Peter's the image of the Redeemer, 30 feet high, which crowns the terrace leading toward the dome, was split in twain. Inside this largest church in Christendom 180 windows were broken, including forty-five high up in its world-famed dome. It has been closed to visitors.

MYSTERY IN DEATH OF GIRL BY FRIGHT; SUSPECT BURGLAR

(Continued from First Page.)

Twenty-sixth Street in the direction of the house occupied by the Cornells had disappeared in an adjacent yard. Neither burglar was caught.

After being disturbed by the entrance of the maid the Misses Cornell went to sleep again, but one of them was roused at 3 o'clock. She thought she heard some one moving in the maid's room upstairs. She paid no heed to it, however, and dropped off to sleep again.

Near 4 o'clock Miss Nellie Cornell suddenly sat up in bed, startled by noise in the room above. She heard a fall and the sound of feet running down the stairs. Just as she sprang to her bedroom door she heard the front door, two flights below, slam.

She awakened her sister and both, mustering courage, went to the maid's room. They found the door open and the maid stretched on the floor, fully dressed save that her shoes had been removed. She was unconscious. An alarm brought Dr. Meeker with an ambulance from Kings County Hospital. The doctor found the young woman had heavy black bruises on arms and legs, but no marks of violence elsewhere. He took her to the hospital. Despite the surgeon's best efforts, Miss Cornell did not recover. She died at 11 o'clock, and was buried at 1:30 o'clock last night.

To-day, on order of Cuccione Senior, Dr. Tong, coroner's physician, performed an autopsy upon the girl's body and attributed her death to cerebral hemorrhage.

None of the members of the Cornell family would be seen to-day. Even on the night of the appalling the Misses Cornell told neighbors the maid had been "taken suddenly ill" and made no mention of the mysterious circumstances.

Detectives of the Seventh Branch Bureau are now investigating the case. They believe it possible the fugitive burglar may have forced his way into the maid's room and attacked her when he was discovered.

BRITISH TO RELEASE DETAINED SHIPS IF BOND IS PROVIDED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Release on bond of ships detained in British ports will be permitted by the British Government if the judge of the court is willing, according to a statement issued to-day by the British Embassy.

Only seven neutral vessels are at present in prize court. It was stated, and five ships are detained in the United States in addition to examination as to character and as to destination of the cargoes. One of these will probably be released almost immediately and not one of them is under the American flag.

WHITMAN PLANS SWEEPING INQUIRY OF SERVICE BOARDS

Aiming at McCall, Who Is Secure in His Job, Governor Proposes to Probe Them.

ASKS LEGISLATIVE AID.

But Will Insist on Naming Majority of Committee—Favors Single Commission.

By Samuel M. Williams. (Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Jan. 15.—Negotiations are pending between Gov. Whitman and leaders of the Legislature for the appointment of a committee to investigate Public Service Commissions, especially the New York City Board. The terms of agreement so far reached provide as follows:

The committee to consist of three Senators and four Assemblymen. Senator George Argeisinger of Rochester to be Chairman.

Argeisinger is a shrewd, quiet, able business man, a Senator for five years and a strong organization Republican of the Aldrich faction.

There is controversy whether the Governor shall pick all members of the committee and the counsel. Whitman is strongly insisting that if he goes into combination with the Legislature on the investigation he shall have the right to select all or at least a majority of the committee. As for counsel, he regards this selection as most important of all and will name his own man.

This man probably will be William Hayward, the Governor's intimate friend and associate, who is now counsel to the Executive.

As for other members of the committee there is common agreement that Senator Ogden Mills of New York shall be second on the list. For number three, there is hesitation between Senator William M. Bennett of the upper west side and George Cronwell of Staten Island. Organization leaders are wary of Bennett because he was a Progressive and has only recently come back into the party fold.

Gov. Whitman expressed himself to friends that if an undesirable legislative commission should be forced upon him he would fall back on his executive prerogative of appointing a special investigator of his own under provision of the Morganland Act. Enormous political pressure and personal influence is being brought to bear in Albany. The amazing development of the day is that Chairman McCall has so carefully ordered his conduct in office that there is nothing in the official record of his acts as chairman to justify arbitrary executive removal. It is said that Whitman does not see how he could fairly remove McCall on the face of the record, although he feels that it would be easy for him to act summarily in case of two or three other commissioners.

As for changes in the public service system aside from personnel of commissions the Governor is inclined to favor a single commission for the entire State. He considers that sub-way construction work is so nearly completed that the organized engineering staff could carry on the details and the commission itself would not have to give so much attention to that in the future.

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THIS WOMAN'S LOVE FOR NEW YORK MAY COST HER HUSBAND.



YALE EX-COXSWAIN'S WIFE READY TO KISS AND MAKE UP AGAIN

But Husband Says He Can't Afford \$100 Apartment, and Separation Trial Proceeds.

When Mrs. Maude H. Thompson, wife of Ralph Thompson, former Yale crew coxswain, took the witness stand in the Supreme Court to-day to testify in her suit for separation on the grounds of abandonment Justice Gleagier said:

"Can't you and your husband patch things up, Mrs. Thompson?" Mrs. Thompson nodded her auburn head eagerly.

"Indeed, I am willing," she said. "If my husband says the word I'll leave this court room with him right this minute. I'll be glad to live with him again."

Beckoning to Thompson, Justice Gleagier asked him if he would agree to make up with his wife.

"I cannot do that," he said, "for reasons I have stated before."

Thereupon the trial proceeded and Mrs. Thompson told her husband left her last spring, after they had once been separated and then reconciled.

Thompson said he left his wife because he was unable to pay for the \$100-a-month apartment she demanded. He said she insisted on living in New York and did not want to go some place where rent was cheaper.

"My husband is able to care for me if he will," said Mrs. Thompson. "He has an income of more than \$2,000 a year from a life insurance annuity."

Thompson is living with his mother in Schenectady and his wife resides at No. 206 West Seventy-eighth Street. Thompson paid his wife \$30 a week alimony while her suit was pending.

FIRE ROUTS TWO FAMILIES.

Flatbush Man Burned as He Rushed to Give Alarm.

Fire of unknown origin drove the Hand and Marshall families out of the handsome double house at No. 1873 East Eighty-ninth Street, Flatbush, before daylight to-day.

The Hands live on the first floor. Their seven-year-old daughter Katherine, with a bad cold and complications, was in charge of a trained nurse. The child was awakened by the barking of a pet brindle bulldog and called her mother. Mrs. Hand alarmed the family, wrapped Katherine in blankets and carried her to a neighbor's house.

John Marshall, twenty-four, awakened by choking, called his father and mother and the other three children and got them out safely. His face and hands were burned as he ran to alarm the Hands, who had already fled. The damage amounted to \$2,000.

"YOU LIE!" CRIES WIFE'S LAWYER AT LIEUT. M'CONVILLE

Police Officer on Stand in Her Suit Has Hot Tiff With Attorney.

Gunmen's threats, the old Lexow investigation, the case of Lieut. Becker and the various bank accounts and Wall Street dealings of Police Lieut. Barney McConville figured prominently to-day in the separation suit brought by McConville's wife, Priscilla.

Incidentally, the mystery enveloping identity of "Pag O' My Heart," who wrote sweet notes to Lieut. McConville and referred to him as the "handsome lieutenant in New York or Brooklyn" was lifted when McConville declared she was a Miss Wilson.

The proceedings were first enlivened by an exchange of torrid repartee between the lieutenant and his wife's attorney, Herman L. Roth, when the latter wanted to know where McConville had gotten his wealth, which, the officer had admitted amounted to about \$20,000 and consisted of stocks and bonds and mortgages.

"Where did you get it?" thundered Roth, as the lieutenant gripped the arms of his chair and seemed as if preparing to spring at his questioner. "Tell this court, if you dare, how you got it!"

"It's none of your business," the witness snapped back. "Where I got my money is without the issues in this case. It is in you, Roth, who have caused all the trouble in my family. It was only a home racket until you wanted your money. You fomented everything. You pretended you wanted a reconciliation, but when my back was turned you harpooned me."

"You lie!" shouted Roth, interrupting the lieutenant. The witness would not be stopped, however, and Mr. Roth objected to the lieutenant going on. Both men were talking loudly and Justice Gleagier rapped for order.

Roth said two tough-looking men had followed him and made threats against him regarding the McConville case. "Didn't you tell your wife and daughters you would lose your job on the police force if this case came to trial?" asked Roth. "Didn't you say, he continued, 'that if the trial did come Headquarters would want to know where all this money came from? Didn't you tell them it would never do after the Lexow investigation and the Becker case?'"

"The Lexow investigation was twenty years ago," replied the witness with a laugh.

On further cross-examination the lieutenant said he had two safe deposit vaults, but did not keep much of value in either of them. He explained that when he was promoted to a lieutenancy and received a \$1,000 increase in salary he invested the \$1,000 every year and received 50 per cent. on the investment.

Justice Gleagier asked both sides to submit briefs.

JUDGE WARNS YOUTH OF GANGS IN PRISON

Sends Three Brothers Away and Says He Must Avoid Criminals at Elmira.

In sentencing William Davenport, seventeen years old, of No. 1546 Prospect Avenue, the Bronx, to Elmira Reformatory to-day for burglary Judge G. J. gave a lecture on the institution. He had already sentenced Davenport's older brother, James, to Sing Sing for not less than one year and three months and not more than four years. Three months ago he sent another brother, Edward, to the Reformatory.

"It is most painful to me," he said, "to send you three boys who should be the support of your parents and little sister behind prison bars. To you William, I have this to say: If you are evil, if you desire to be evil, you will not be helped by Elmira Reformatory."

"There are gangs in that institution just as bad as the gangs that are outside of it. You will have every opportunity there to become the worst kind of a criminal. But if there is good in you, as I believe there is, and you want to become better, you will keep out of those gangs, obey the rules in spirit as well as in form, and come out to a better life."

CHILDREN IN PERIL SAVED BY POLICEMAN

Merchants Praise Bravery of Williamsburgh Officer Who Stopped Runaway Near School.

Steve Rullo left his horse standing in front of No. 251 North Ninth Street, Williamsburgh, at 3.15 o'clock to-day while he was delivering coal and ice. A circular saw in a moulding mill opposite began to whine and the horse ran away.

He swung around the corner into Havemeyer street, knocking down two men who tried to stop him, and came galloping faster than ever toward public school 143, which fills the block between North Sixth and North Seventh Street.

Policeman Peter Easty yelled a warning to some of the children in the street and threw three or four of them to safety on the sidewalk. Then he leaped at the running horse, threw his left arm over its neck and was dragged half a block before he brought it to a stop.

Merchants of the neighborhood went to the Bedford Avenue station and told Capt. Shaw about the rescue, and the captain sent a special report of it to Police Commissioner Woods.

JAPANESE APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO SEND TROOPS TO EUROPE

TOKIO, Jan. 15.—The promoters in Japan of what has been called the "volunteer movement" have issued a manifesto in which they announce their intention of despatching an army corps to Europe.

To this end they are appealing to both Japanese and foreigners for funds. The manifesto says that as Lafayette helped the United States and Garibaldi helped France, so the Japanese wish to assist the allies to terminate the misery of war and restore peace to the world.

RUSSIAN TROOPS FIGHTING WAY TO EAST PRUSSIA

Germans Offset Move by Resuming the Offensive on Road to Warsaw.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 15 (United Press).—The Russian drive against the German lines along the northern East Prussian frontier is declared to be increasing in proportions. The entire Russian left wing is now said to be engaged and to be forcing the Germans back on their main defense positions.

In order to check it Gen. von Hindenburg is resuming the offensive along the centre at the junction of the Bzura and the Rawa Rivers. He has been bringing up new masses of artillery, evidently depending on his big guns to render the Russian trenches untenable.

The Germans have succeeded in advancing beyond the village of Bin Skup and Sucha southeast of Bolimow, but despite this admission the military experts here claim that it will be impossible for them to gain any real advantage at this point.

Although the German offensive is admittedly increasing, the Russian correspondents at the front quote the Russian staff as believing that the present movement is intended to cover a general withdrawal of the German forces to the westward. They say that there are plenty of evidences that von Hindenburg is at last convinced that the Russian defense of Warsaw cannot be broken and that he is planning to withdraw part of his active forces to send them to France, where the Germans are again smearing an offensive.

The weather has completely checked all offensive operations in the Carpathian region and in the Caucasus.

STATE CONSTABULARY IS FAVORED BY WOODS

Would Be Great Help to New York Police Force, Says Commissioner.

Police Commissioner Woods placed himself on record, to-day, as favoring the establishment of a State constabulary. He made known his position in a letter to Robert L. Bacon, the secretary of a committee which is trying to influence the Legislature to establish a State police force similar to that in Pennsylvania.

The Commissioner of Police stated to Mr. Bacon that he believes an organized rural police system would be of great help to the police authorities of this city in catching criminals who flee to the country. Under existing conditions the New York police, in searching for criminals, can co-operate only with cities and towns having an organized police force.

GLAD, SAYS BRYAN, TO HAVE PUBLIC KNOW

Vick Letter Prompts Him to Say He Appreciates the Services of Those Who Work in Politics.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—When his attention was drawn to publication to-day of a letter addressed by him Aug. 20, 1913, to Walker W. Vick, receiver of customs of the Dominican Republic, which figured in yesterday's investigation in New York of the charges against American Minister Sullivan, Secretary Bryan said:

"I am glad to have the public know that I appreciate the services of those who work in politics and feel an interest in seeing them rewarded. I think that is the only charity that can be based on that letter, and, as Mr. Vick received his appointment as a reward for political work, I thought he was a good man to address in expressing my opinion on the subject."

KAISER AT THE FRONT STARTLED AT SIGHT OF FRENCH SOLDIERS.

ROTTERDAM, Holland (via London), Jan. 15 (Associated Press).—The Cologne Gazette prints a letter written by a German soldier who is serving on the western battle front regarding a visit made by Emperor William to the trenches. The writer continues:

"He made a splendid speech. He told us that when in the Argonne he went to a cave and inspected conditions there and drank wine with an artillery officer. When the Emperor emerged from the cave he was startled to see a full company of French soldiers passing and he drew back instinctively. His surprise was only dispelled when an officer remarked: 'They are only prisoners, Your Majesty.'"

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